



Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Waupaca County

County characteristics

- 751 square miles
- Lands and waters: Landscape varies from heavy clay soils and abundant surface water on the east end of the county, through rolling with stony features in the central portions of the county, to broad flat expanses of dry sandy soils at the west end of the county.
- Trends: Agriculture, timber, residential and commercial growth due to proximity to Fox Cities and Stevens Point
- Over 51,000 residents live in Waupaca County.



State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

- 7,846 acres of state land open to public recreation, including hunting, fishing and trapping

Locate DNR properties at:

http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html

Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you

- 1 Wildlife Staff
- 1 Fish Biologist, 2 Technicians
- 1 Lands and Facilities Staff
- 3 Conservation Wardens

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Restore, establish and maintain grassland, savanna, woodland, and wetland habitat for a variety of wildlife species.
- Wolf River fish enforcement, deer and turkey enforcement.
- Youth hunts, community cleanups, youth fishing clinics.
- Control exotic and invasive species such as spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, black locust, and Scotch pine to assure quality native habitat.
- Manage DNR land, build and maintain public access areas, and posting public lands.
- Monitor wildlife populations of deer, waterfowl, grouse, woodcock, deer, frogs, grassland birds, eagles, osprey, furbearers, and bears.



Activities continued...

- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints
- Administer the agricultural wildlife damage program
- Monitor wildlife diseases including CWD and West Nile Virus.
- Evaluate proposed projects for environmental impacts, work to keep habitats intact and functioning for fish and wildlife.
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

Waupaca County Conservation Snapshots

- 24** ALIS Agents Supported Hotline Complaints
- 12** Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration Stations
 - Numerous stream access sites



County Success Stories

- Thousands of acres in wide variety of habitat types have been restored and/or preserved. This has been accomplished through the joint efforts of the DNR, various government agencies, non-profit conservation groups, and local citizens.
- Established the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area to preserve and restore bottomland hardwood forest, open marsh upland in the lower Wolf River corridor using land acquisition and partnerships with individual landowners and conservation groups.
- Wild turkey restoration highly successful.
- Wolf River Sturgeon trail developed by DNR and Wolf Basin Partners.

Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management

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